

January 15, 2019

Dear NTM Netherlands,

With this letter we trust you had a blessed Christmas and want to wish you a Happy New Year! Our family was really reduced in size this year but my wife, Jeanne, and I enjoyed our time together and also spending Christmas Day with her mom at the care center. Most of our Asia Pacific co-workers were able to spend Christmas with family and friends in their home villages. This is always a special time of the year for them and a time when they, like us, want to be with their family and friends.

We are continuing with our recovery and rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of the horrible earth quake which occurred in our Provincial Capital. We will have to keep a mission office in the provincial capital as much of our government work has to be handled there. Our mission home and office there were ruined in the quake so we are purchasing a smaller house which will serve as an office and give us a couple of guest rooms. Our plans are then to relocate most of our infrastructure to a city on the eastern coast. Not only will this serve to get us away from a bad earthquake zone but it will also be more central to many of our mission works. We currently have two school dormitories in the capital city – we will keep one of these running for this next semester but will be moving over half the kids to the eastern city where we have rented a house which will serve as a temporary dormitory until such time we can purchase ground and build new dorms. We are also wanting to purchase some ground to build a mission home/conference center which will replace our old mission home in the capital city. Along with this we are also looking to purchase a house for a mission office in this city as well. I must say it looks like an insurmountable mountain. I was reading in 1 Samuel 13 this morning and how the the Israelites, under King Saul, were distressed because of the strong Philistine army that was pressing down upon them. We trust we will have a “David attitude” and not a “Saul attitude” as we take on the challenge the Lord has laid before us, knowing that His grace is sufficient and he will lead us through it all.

Many of our missionary’s ministries were disrupted due to the earth quake and some of the younger children were really traumatized. However most of our folks are now getting settled back into their respective ministries. One of the things that was interrupted on our team was the publishing of the Old Testament Scriptures for the Wana tribal people. We had been working on the final format when the earthquake struck. Our publisher in town has his office up and running again so we are hoping we can get moving on this project once again. We are reminded that in spite of this the Lord will build His church and the gates of hell won’t prevail against it.

All of our missionaries in our Central Region want to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your prayers and gift of \$877.71 for our ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts. Thank you for being a part of our team as we trust the Lord together for His provision in this huge undertaking, and trust Him to expand reach of the Gospel to those in Asia Pacific.

May God richly bless,



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De Global Partner van ETHNOS360 werk in Sulawesi, Indonesie waar in december de Tsunami plaats vond.



De ravage binne..



Onze helioperter redde daklozen en voorzag mensen van 1^e levensbehoefte.



De vernietigingen daarbuiten..



Ons kantoor daar was ook getroffen.



Waar te beginnen?